

In these circumstances it would not be inappropriate for the Court to reject the proffered filing. If the Court does grant leave to file, we believe the contentions advanced by the amicus are fully answered in our previous briefs, so we shall not burden the Court with further briefing.

In any event, it has become clear that the underlying collective bargaining dispute cannot be resolved as long as this case remains pending, so Defendants respectfully urge the Court to issue a decision as expeditiously as possible and send the parties on their way.

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